(c) Railways construct road overbridge/underbridge in lieu of busy level crossing having traffic density of one lakh or more Train Vehicle Unit. The bridges are constructed on cost sharing basis otherwise on deposit terms. 15 proposals sponsored by Jharkhand State in the past were sanctioned on cost sharing basis, out of which 5 works have been completed and remaining are at different stages of planning and execution. One more proposal has been sanctioned during current year 2009-10.

New trains between Dwarka and Haridwar

2413. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to start new train between Dwarka and Haridwar *via* Viramgam-Mehsana which will reduce distance by 150 kms and time by 3 hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to establish second broad-gauge line between Ahmedabad and New Delhi;

(d) if so, the status and schedule of implementation;

(e) how many towns of Jharkhand are connected with railway line; and

(f) whether there is any planning to link more towns and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to introduce a train between Dwarka and Haridwar.

(c) and (d) On Delhi-Ahmedabad route, doubling is being done in patches as per traffic requirement. Double line already exists between Delhi-Rewari and Jaipur-Phulera section. Doubling of Rewari-Alwar, Bandikui-Jaipur and Phulera-Ajmer sections have been taken up. Rewari-Alwar and Phulera-Ajmer is targeted for completion during 2009-2010. A survey for doubling of Alwar-Bandikui has been completed recently

(e) and (f) Such details are not maintained.

Implementation of enhanced steel making capacity

2414. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand for steel is growing around 12 per cent annually and Government has planned to create more than 50 million tonnes of additional steel making capacity, but land acquisition and environmental problems have stalled most of these new projects;

(b) if so, whether several State Governments have signed around 195 MOUs with steel companies for putting additional 253 mt. capacity with an estimated aggregate investment of Rs. 5,55,038 crores. And

(c) the concrete measures Government has taken to see that all the GOI's planned projects and also those of State MOUs additional capacity efforts are implemented speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) and (b) Finished steel consumption in the country for the last 5 year period from 2004-05 to 2008-09 is tabulated below:—

Year	Finished steel consumption	% change on year to year basis
2004-05	36.38	9.8
2005-06	41.43	13.9
2006-07	46.78	12.9
2007-08	52.12	11.4
2008-09*	52.05	-0.1

Source JPC, * = Provisional

During the April - June period of current year 2009-10, steel consumption in the country has increased by 5.2% (provisional). On account of the rising potential for steel consumption in the country, a large number of steel investors have signed 222 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various State Governments for setting up nearly 275.698 million tonnes per annum of steel capacity in the country. Steel investment projects, particularly the large integrated steel units have long gestation period, which also need to acquire sufficient land and other resources to commission their projects. The issue related to land acquisition and rehabilitations, environmental clearance are dealt in accordance with the relevant Acts, rules and policy of the concerned Governments.

(c) Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to monitor and coordinate issues concerning major steel investments in the country. The Inter Ministerial Group functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with members from various Central Ministries/Departments, such as/Railways, Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Industrial Policy and Promotion, Mines, Environment and Forest and the concerned State Governments.

Export of iron-ore

2415. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron-ore in metric tonnes required for domestic steel industries yearly in the country;

(b) whether steel plants established in Public Sector Undertaking are facing shortage of iron-ore frequently;

(c) the reasons for export of iron-ore in large quantity to other countries without considering requirements in our country;